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Washington, Jan. 15.—General revival of war in Europe if Poland is not able to withstand the Russian Bolsheviks is not "improbable" General Bliss, who was a member of the American peace delegation, today told the House Ways and Means Committee.

"Poland is the only bulwark against Bolshevism," said General Bliss, who appeared before the committee to discuss the proposed loan of \$150,000,000 for food relief in Europe.

Military experts are of the "growing opinion" that "the Moscow government will turn toward Poland," General Bliss said, adding that the Russians outnumbered the Poles, and were well trained, well equipped and well led, while the Poles were "poorly equipped as to everything."

The allied governments, General Bliss continued, should be called upon by the United States to give some of their surplus military supplies to the Poles. If this country establishes \$150,000,000 of credits for European countries to buy food here.

COMMANDER OF "SUB" TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Accused of Torpedoing French Battleship—296 Men Lost

Berlin, Jan. 15.—Captain Morant, commander of the submarine which sank the French battleship Danton and other vessels, died yesterday in a hospital at Hamburg after having taken poison, according to a despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger.

The French battleship Danton was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on March 19, 1917. She sank a half hour after being hit, with the loss of 296 men. The remaining 806 men of the complement were saved by destroyer Mouson and patrol boats.

The Danton displaced 18,928 tons. An official statement from the German admiralty named Captain Morant as the commander of the submarine which sank the Danton.

30,000 PEOPLE WALK TO WORK IN SALEM TODAY

Trolley Service Is Discontinued Because of Jitneys

Salem, Mass., Jan. 15.—Thirty thousand persons who usually ride to business in trolley cars crowded into motor buses or walked in the near zero atmosphere today. All local lines of the eastern Massachusetts Street Railway here and a large part of the interurban service of that company to this city were discontinued at midnight, the public trustees of the road having refused to operate the cars in this vicinity longer in the face of continued losses of revenue alleged to be due to the competition of jitneys.

Conditions were similar to those of Dec. 18 when the trustees stopped virtually all service in the Salem district for 24 hours until the authorities of this city, Beverly and Peabody had voted to withdraw jitney licenses. Operation of the jitneys was resumed here within a few days. However, when the city council had endorsed a petition for a special election to decide whether their previous action in revoking the licenses should be upheld. This election will be held Jan. 27.

EIGHT COAL BARGES EXPECTED

Eight barges of coal bound for this city, which have been weather bound at South Norwalk since Monday, are expected in the harbor today.

ENGLISH R. R. UNIONS TAKE WAGE OFFER

Conference Decides to Accept By Very Narrow Majority

London, Jan. 15.—Delegates of railway men's unions have accepted the government's offer in settlement of wage demands made by employees in the lower grades of the service.

After the close of this morning's meeting of the delegates, J. H. Thomas, General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said: "The conference has decided by a very narrow majority to accept the government's offer."

The delegates of the railwaymen reported the decision to Sir Eric Geddes, the minister of transport. After they had sent the minister the letter, Mr. Thomas said:

"It is settled. It has been a very difficult job probably the most difficult of all our tasks."

"There was a considerable difference of opinion among the delegates until the last moment," Mr. Thomas continued, "and the result was doubtful, but I hope the men will accept it as an honorific settlement. It marks a new departure in industrial questions."

STRANK TELLS HOLDUP STORY TO CORONER

Police Baffled As to Identity of Man Who Met His Death

Joseph P. Strank, who shot and killed a highwayman last night, told his story before Coroner Phelan this morning and detailed the happenings at the office of the United Bond Co., 1118 Main street, where the holdup, which resulted in the fatality, took place. Strank is manager of the Bond Co. office. He lives at 190 West avenue and is married.

He said two men, who afterward tried to rob him, had been in the office two or three times yesterday afternoon inquiring about bonds. Their last visit was about 4 p. m. when Strank looked up to see a revolver pointed at him and heard the command, "Hold up your hands."

Strank said he was so dazed that he did not raise his hands at first. Then one of the men advanced and fired a shot. The other robber hit Strank with a blackjack. This did not completely stun Strank because it was made of a soft substance. After that Strank was pushed against the wall of the office and the desk was toppled over so as to block his progress toward the door. Then the two robbers started to leave the office.

Strank had strength enough left to follow the men. He saw them running down stairs and fired a shot which struck and killed one of the highwaymen. Strank said he was so excited and so dazed that he did not know he had hit the man. He heard his partner, Howard J. Woodward, coming into the office then.

Substantiating the story of the highwaymen having fired the first shot, the police this morning found a piece of glass on Main street which had been pierced by a bullet. This was part of the window glass in the United Bond Co. office. The coroner continued the hearing until next Monday at 9:30 a. m.

The police this morning were unable to establish the identity of the man who was slain by Strank or the fellow who escaped immediately after the shooting.

The dead man was five feet, 10 inches in height, and weighed about 135 pounds. He was well dressed, had medium brown hair and appeared to be about 20 years old. Four tattoo marks appeared on his body. On the right forearm was an eagle and a knotted rope, on a red background, and underneath this design the characters "U. S. N. 1917." On the left arm were the initials "T. H." and a small ship. On the side of the left elbow was a tattooed flag, and partly obliterated words which are believed to be "Don't tread on me." Between the thumb and index finger of the left hand there was tattooed a small anchor. The tattoo marks and the fact that the dead man's underwear was of navy issue bear out the belief that he was at one time a member of the United States navy. A stenciled name, "L. A. Harrison," was found on the clothing, and the

Fear Judge Will Free Radicals

Immigration Authorities Consult U. S. Attorney on Appeal.

BURDEN OF PROOF IS UPON ALIENS

New York, Jan. 15.—Fears that a decision of Federal Judge Knox that extremists held in deportation proceedings must be released on bail immediately would prevent deportations, caused the immigration authorities to consult the United States attorney's office today in regard to an appeal from the decision.

Authorities at Ellis Island expressed the belief that if aliens were released before they had been examined by immigration inspectors it would be impossible to prove in many cases that they should be deported and consequently many taken in recent raids would have to be released.

In behalf of Byron H. Uhl, acting commissioner at the island, it was explained that he had not failed to obey the orders of his superiors in regard to admitting radicals to bail.

Percy A. Baker, superintendent at the island, said that deportation warrants provided that aliens "may" be admitted to bail, but that the court had interpreted this as mandatory. Throughout the deportation proceedings, Mr. Baker said, Mr. Uhl had been following the orders of the department of labor and the practice of years.

"The burden of proof is upon aliens held in deportation proceedings," said Mr. Baker. "The deportation warrants read that the aliens must show cause why they should not be deported. The assumption is that they are aliens and in the United States in violation of laws."

It will be almost impossible to get a case against the people let out on bail. They can refuse to answer questions and the government will be balked."

Judge Knox in a decision yesterday said that he would sustain writs of habeas corpus for Gregory Weinstein, "chief of staff" of "Soviet Ambassador" Martens, and several others whose cases were before him unless they were admitted to bail. They had refused to answer questions of immigration inspectors in preliminary hearings and this was given as the reason for refusing them bail.

LAST HOURS OF J. BARLEYCORN GOING QUICKLY

Eighteenth Constitutional Amendment Goes Into Effect Tonight

With the last stroke of the clock at midnight the Eighteenth Constitutional Amendment, prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors and from that time on Bridgeport and the entire country is scheduled to become an arid waste in a land of plenty.

Tonight club members who have good liquor stored in their lockers and many who have it in their homes are bringing it to public places to bid another fond farewell to the "demon rum" and from present indications there are going to be a lot of "ash cans" in Bridgeport tomorrow for the last time.

To those who have no liquor stored away and have no receipt for making it at home it will even be difficult to find a formula. At the public library here they stated today that they only had one book of receipts on how to make home brews and they are considering the advisability of withdrawing this from circulation to aid in the cause of prohibition. In this event they would be following the lead of New Haven and Springfield who have already adopted such a course.

From tomorrow on liquor cannot be stored in the clubs, in lockers or other places, cannot be carried from homes to public places and is not to be drunk in public.

Liquor agents and officials in the "dry" cause have stated that it will take six years to educate the country to prohibition but long before that time all liquors now stored in cellars and barns will have been exhausted and home brews will be the only obtainable and it is against the law to manufacture or distill it.

In Bridgeport there is very little liquor in stock in the local saloons and many proprietors are already planning to close their places within the next few months unless the amendment is declared unconstitutional.

Believe 100 Are Trapped In Bad Fire

New Haven, Jan. 15.—Three stories of the chamber of commerce building in Church street, appear to be on fire. The fire appears to have broken out suddenly. There are many office tenants.

The fire is on the seventh floor. It is thought about 100 persons are caught on upper floors. Firemen are removing them by ladders. It was said that several had jumped from windows.

New Haven, Jan. 15.—The firemen upon arrival spread landing nets both in Church street, and on the roofs of the adjoining buildings, while others ran up scaling ladders. The windows of upper offices were filled with persons, most of whom maintained composure to remarkable degree. As soon as nets were ready on the top of a building on the north side a number of persons jumped and were safely caught. Many others were brought down by ladders. While fifteen minutes after the fire started there were reports of persons hurt by jumping this did not seem to be borne out. John Elliott, lawyer, was one of those who was brought down a scaling ladder.

In the building the Chamber of Commerce has its offices on a lower floor. It is one of the large office buildings of the city. On the street floor are the stores of M. Steinert and Sons, Planos and J. H. Rembert Company, stationers.

Charles W. Everts of Milford county health officer was brought down a ladder at 2:15 and it was thought he had been suffocated. Physicians were working over him.

COMMISSIONER TO DEAL WITH LOCAL AUTOISTS

Twelve Must Answer Charges Before Stoekel for Reckless Driving

Twelve Bridgeport motorists have been summoned to appear before the Motor Vehicle Commissioner Stoekel at the county courthouse tomorrow to answer charges of reckless driving or having participated in fatal accidents. The hearings will start at 10:30 a. m. and there will be another session at 2 p. m.

The following have been summoned: John Dowdall, 164 Williams street, Bridgeport, accident—evading responsibility; A. J. Wrabel, 68 Hallam street, Bridgeport, accident; Clarence H. Kneeland, 189 Denver avenue, Bridgeport, accident; William Osborn, 52 Broad avenue, Bridgeport, complaint—not reporting accident; James O'Brien, 208 Harral avenue, Bridgeport, reckless driving; Carlo Maffesoli, 88 Dewey street, Bridgeport, reckless driving; Ralph Malfrant, 120 Read street, Bridgeport, fatal accident; J. L. White, 20 Cedar street, Myrtle Beach, Milford, accident—evading responsibility.

W. A. Stagg, Stratford, accident; Martin Finley, 11 Walnut street, Milford, accident; Michael Horoski, Greens Farms, fatal accident; R. W. Shepard, 433 Golden Hill street, Bridgeport, fatal accident; Joseph Burke, 667 Howard avenue, Bridgeport, reckless driving; James O'Connell, 1721 Main street, Bridgeport, fatal accident; George North, 1951 Fairfield avenue, Bridgeport, fatal accident; Joe Dickman, 19 Raymond street, South Norwalk, accident; Ignatz Kisch, 55 Main street, Bridgeport, complaint, passing car on right; Erick H. Gustavson, 13 White street, Danbury, reckless driving; L. D. Berlin, 421 Canal street, Stamford, accident; Abram Sheffield, 50 Cliff street, Ansonia, accident.

Conferences—Franny Penny, Westport, Caesar Poggi, Stevenson; Frank Stein, 59 Bassick avenue, Bridgeport; V. J. Camarota, 5 W. Main street, Norwalk; Ed. A. Davis, 136 Morning-side avenue, Bridgeport; H. G. Mead, 83 Guernsey street, Stamford; John Mercurio, 35 Hallett street, Bridgeport; Frederick Schanzel, 38 Hillel avenue, Bridgeport; August Szasowski, 338 Atlantic street, Bridgeport; Joseph G. Rinkus, Plymouth street, Bridgeport; David Bender, 626 Howard avenue, Bridgeport; W. A. Watkins, 556 North avenue, Bridgeport.

ENVER PASHA STARTS REVOLT OF BOLSHEVIKI

Geneva, Jan. 15.—Enver Pasha, former Turkish Minister of War, who was recently elected King of Kurdistan, has started a Bolshevik revolution in Turkestan, Afghanistan and Baluchistan, according to a telegram from Baku. Enver is said to have many followers and is directing his energies against British prestige in southwestern Asia, the ultimate aim being India. Large sums of money, it is reported have been furnished Enver by the Soviet government in Moscow.

This is the first time on record that a Bolshevik movement has been started by a monarch.

Over 3,000 Met Death In Puebla

Reports Slowly Coming In Tell of Terrible Loss of Life.

POPOCATAPETL IS RENT BY FISSURES

Mexico City, Jan. 15.—Reports slowly coming in from eastern sections of the state of Puebla tell of terrible loss of life in that region as a result of the earthquake on January 3. Further east, in the state of Vera Cruz, the death toll seems to be growing, reports from Couzilan stating that the number of dead in that city and in surrounding villages is more than 3,000.

The lake which inundated the village of Barranca Grande, was caused by a mountain collapsing and damming a river. The waters were backed up until the former site of the village was inundated.

An exploring party returned to this city today from a visit of inspection to the crater of Mount Popocatepetl. The members of the party said the crater had been entirely changed and that huge fissures had appeared. There were perceptible indications of poisonous vapors rising at the time the party was on the mountain, and it is said they probably resulted from recent seismic disturbances. The last eruption of Popocatepetl occurred in 1892, although in 1909 there were perceptible vapors above the crater.

STEINFELD HAS SUED WURTZEL FOR SLANDER

In denial of the charge that Adolph Steinfeld was of a roving disposition, Attorney T. E. Steiber told a jury in the Superior court today that the man who is suing Jacob Wurtzel of this city for slander is a steady worker. The lawyer told how his client had worked for five years in the Water Bros. plant and then left that job to try a business career.

He said Steinfeld had been able to satisfy a bonding company of his integrity so that the company went upon the man's bond for \$10,000. He declared Steinfeld's reputation was good and he should have some redress for Wurtzel's alleged remark that Steinfeld stole eggs. Judge Carl Foster, counsel for Wurtzel, denied his client had accused Steinfeld of being a thief. He said Steinfeld had not been slandered and was not entitled to damages. The suit is for \$2,000. The case went to the jury late this afternoon.

LEAGUE TO COME INTO BEING TOMORROW

Paris, Jan. 15.—The League of Nations will come into being tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at a public ceremony to be held in the "Clock Room" of the French Foreign Office. Leon Bourgeois, the French representative, will preside and make the opening address, while Earl Curzon of Kedleston, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, will also speak. Host C. Wallace, the American Ambassador to France and American representative at the peace conference, will not attend.

LORD MAYOR OF CORK ATTACKED AND ASSAULTED

Cork, Ireland, Jan. 15.—W. P. O'Connor, the lord mayor of Cork, was attacked by a party of men while returning last night from a meeting of demobilized soldiers. The mayor was knocked down and assaulted. A couple of former soldiers rescued him from his assailants.

The attack is attributed to the mayor's opposition to the election policy of the Sinn Fein organization.

TAKEN FROM CIRCULATION.

New Haven, Jan. 15.—All books dealing with the manufacture of beer, wine or spirituous liquors will be taken out of circulation from the New Haven public library, it was announced today.

SLOVENE ELEMENT BALKS SETTLEMENT OF FIUME QUESTION

BAKERS OBTAIN PERMISSION TO RAISE PRICES

Commissioner Scoville Will Allow Two and Three Cent Increase

(Special to The Times.)
Hartford, Jan. 15.—Connecticut Fair Price Commissioner Robert Scoville has announced that two and three cent increase in the price of bread is to be allowed and bakers may charge 12 cents for a pound loaf and 18 cents for a 24 ounce loaf. This action followed a conference of master bakers in Hartford at which Bridgeport was represented by W. J. Travis, of the Massachusetts Baking company.

This decision followed the submission of figures to the commission which showed that flour which sold at \$11 a barrel three months ago now cost \$14 wholesale. The commission decided that after any definite increase was made that the master bakers would have to appear before them and show a case or the commission would not allow it.

The commission is ready to believe that the bakers are entitled to a slight increase but say they must have adequate figures before the rate is finally agreed upon. The summons to master bakers of the state followed an increase in price of bread put into effect in many cities last Monday before a consultation was held with the commission.

NORTHWEST IS BEING SWEEPED BY BLIZZARD

Traverse City, Mich., Jan. 15.—Scores of northern Michigan towns were isolated today by the worst blizzard that has swept this section in years. Zero temperature and impassable snowdrifts have put numbers of communities in a serious predicament owing to shortage of food and inability of farmers to bring in wood.

Practically all railroad traffic has been suspended since late Tuesday. In a half dozen towns private homes have been thrown open to stranded passengers from Pere Marquette and Grand Rapids and Indiana trains. These two roads are reported completely snowbound. The Boyne City, Gaylord and Alpena railroad is also reported tied up.

Similar conditions prevail in the upper peninsula according to reports from Sault Ste Marie.

CHICKERING HOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE EARLY TODAY

Putnam, Conn., Jan. 15.—Only the walls remain of the Chickering House, which burned early today. The losses aggregate \$40,000. The cause of the fire is not determined. It probably began in the cellar or in the restaurant. Guests in the hotel were notified as soon as smoke was seen but many lost their effects. One man taken from the third floor was slightly burned about the arms and legs.

The Chickering House was conducted by James Lucey. The building was owned by R. H. and L. E. Bradley. The owners and tenants both have insurance.

Danielson sent fire apparatus. Adjoining property escaped damage, the Fuller building, adjoining, being amply protected by a fire wall.

DEMOCRATS IN DEADLOCK FAIL TO GET LEADER

Washington, Jan. 15.—Democratic senators in caucus today failed to elect a leader. A deadlock on a tie vote developed between Senators Hitchcock of Nebraska and Underwood of Alabama and the caucus adjourned subject to call of the two candidates.

POWHATAN SAILS.

New York, Jan. 15.—The army transport Powhatan, sailing today for Antwerp, Belgium, has on board a party of 75 former service men and officers who will visit the battlefields to begin the work of returning the bodies of American soldiers dead to this country.

The expedition is in charge of the Rainbow Division.

Oppose Compromise By Which Italy Would Give Up Territory Apportioned to Her For Full Sovereignty Over Fiume.

Paris, Jan. 15.—Just when Italians seemed likely to agree to the acceptance of a solution to the Fiume question which has been approved by Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau, a division has been created among the Jugo Slavs regarding the problems involved.

According to information obtainable the Slovene element of the new Slav kingdom is stoutly opposed to a compromise by which Italy would give up some of the territory apportioned her on the Dalmatian coast in exchange for full sovereignty over Fiume, with a strip of land connecting that city with the province of Istria, to the west.

Other elements favor accepting the compromise, but because of the impossibility of reaching an agreement, the Jugo Slav delegation has been obliged to reject the proposal.

Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau thereupon issued a sort of ultimatum demanding that the government at Belgrade decide without delay upon what it wanted to do, and give a categorical answer of "yes" or "no" to the Italian compromise.

It is impossible to ascertain how whether President Wilson has been consulted regarding the proposed Fiume settlement, which appears to be in absolute contradiction to the President's policy. Neither has absolutely satisfactory assurance been given that Italy, as a whole, will approve the compromise.

ARE URGING ELECTIONS OF COUNCILS

Communists Active In Berlin—City Completely Quiet Is Report

Berlin, Jan. 15.—A communist manifesto issued today urges the immediate election of revolutionary employees' councils in all industrial establishments.

Official denial was made today of reports that Germany had concluded an agreement with Soviet Russia.

London, Jan. 15.—Berlin was completely quiet Wednesday according to a wireless despatch from the German capital. The large factories were working normally and the railway and tram services were not interrupted.

Strong indignation is expressed in every branch of industry at the unscrupulousness of the independents, the despatch adds, because the leaders hid behind machine guns while the masses were driven forward to face the guns of the soldiers.

It is announced that the Berlin government will not permit demonstrations on the occasion of the burial of the victims of Tuesday's rioting.

German troops were marched to Leipzig on Tuesday where they occupied the squares and public buildings, according to a Berlin despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company today. Machine guns were placed in commanding positions.

Geneva, Jan. 15.—Recent events in Berlin are said to be only the prelude to others of more importance which the independent socialists intend to provoke on the occasion of the anniversary of the death of Dr. Karl Liebknecht, Jan. 15, according to German advices.

POLICE BELIEVE THEY SECURED OLD OFFENDER

With the arrest of Harry McGrath, which occurred this morning at the local railroad station, the police believe they have nabbed the man who is responsible for a number of robberies which have recently occurred in Bridgeport. McGrath was arrested by Detective Sergeant James Bray, as he was about to board a train. He gave his age as 18, and his home address as Carson City, Nev. It is alleged that McGrath twice broke into Jennings' garage, and also entered the Atlantic confectionery store, at 818 Fairfield avenue. The man is now being held under \$500 bonds, and will be arraigned in the city court tomorrow morning.